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SEN. NORRIS OPENS FIGHT ON DRAFT BILL, BRANDS IT HITLERISM MENACING AMERICA

Strike Nears in Boeing Plane Deadlock

Union Presses Demands After 97% Vote for Stoppage

(Special to the Daily Worker)
SEATTLE, July 25.—As the zero hour approached for a strike, at Boeing Aircraft Co. on August 1, negotiations were "almost deadlocked." It was reported by Hugo Lundquist, business agent of Aeronautical Mechanics, an AFL union organized on an industrial basis at the war industry.

Armed with a 97 per cent majority strike vote, the union is exerting all efforts to reach a reasonable agreement but is also preparing to down tools if the company persists in its wage-cutting maneuvers.

"Union demands are entirely reasonable," Lundquist said. "Wages in this industry should be equal to the standard paid for similar work in other Puget Sound areas. The company can well afford to meet our demands. False use of the issue of 'national defense' must not be allowed to prevent payment of fair wages and decent working conditions."

An average wage scale of \$60 per hour is the modest wage demand of the union. Other demands are vacations with pay, seniority, preferential hiring and fair classification of work.

PILING UP PROFITS
With a hundred-million dollar backlog of business already within its grasp, Boeing is reaching for additional profits from the government's armaments program.

Early in 1940 the company received a \$23,000,000 contract for planes for the Allies which netted a profit of one-third more than paid by the U. S. government for similar ships. The order was accompanied by a large cash advance which enabled the company to wipe its debts clean and develop a \$2,000,000 plant expansion program.

It is estimated that 15,000 men will be employed at Boeing's by July 1941, compared with the crew of around 8,000 employed now.

Request for sanction of the impending strike has been forwarded to the International Association of Machinists with whom the Aeronautical Mechanics are affiliated.

Reeve Speaks Today Over Phila. Radio

Will Expose Campaign Against Signers of C.P. Petitions

(Special to the Daily Worker)
PHILADELPHIA, July 25.—Carl Reeve, candidate for United States Senator on the Communist ticket in Pennsylvania, will speak on WFIL tomorrow (Friday) at 11:15 for a half-hour.

Reeve, who today began a suit in federal court for an injunction against the District Attorney and the Police Department to stop police from questioning all the 15,000 Philadelphia signers of the Communist nomination petition, will expose the truth behind the drive against the Communist Party in Pennsylvania.

He will show that there are numerous violations by the Democratic, Republican and other parties in its nomination petitions and registration lists which go completely

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Conscription Will Affect 35% of All New Jersey Men, Survey Shows---853,000 Out of 2,182,000 Would Go

TRENTON, N. J., July 25 (UP).—Compulsory military training as provided in the Burke-Wadsworth bill now in Congress could affect almost 35 per cent of the male population of New Jersey, an unofficial survey showed today.

The files of the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State Department

of Health show that there are approximately 853,000 New Jersey men in the 21 to 45 age group. It was estimated that approximately 240,000 of these men would be exempt for various reasons.

It is estimated that of New Jersey's total population of 4,343,000, the males number 2,182,000.

Would Make U.S. World Bully, He Declares

Opposition Grows as Protest Mail from Home Piles Up

By Adam Lapin
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)
WASHINGTON, July 25.—Senator George W. Norris today served notice that he will lead a vigorous Congressional fight against enactment of the Burke-Wadsworth Conscription Bill and drew a sharp comparison between the Administration measure and Hitlerism.

The aged Nebraska liberal made it plain that he opposes the compulsory service bill because it would militarize the entire economic life of the nation. It would transform the United States into an "international bully," he said.

He said that passage of this measure would mean that "the people who are not of military age would to a very great extent be spending all their energies and efforts to pay for taking care of millions of other men who did nothing but prepare for war."

"If our young men are to be compelled to spend a goodly portion of every year in a military training camp it would have an effect upon their natures."

Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana and Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan also indicated they would oppose the conscription measure.

MAIL FROM HOME
Growing Congressional opposition to the Burke Bill came as mail to Senators and Representatives showed considerable nation-wide opposition to the measure.

Opponents of the bill believe they have a chance to beat it if the steamroller of Republicans and Democrats, backed by President Roosevelt, which is for the bill doesn't rush it through before the full force of popular opposition has time to register.

The Senate Military Affairs Committee which is putting finishing touches on the bill.

Germans Seize Hundreds of Dutch Hostages

THE HAGUE, Netherlands, July 25 (UP).—Several hundred Dutch men and women have been seized as hostages and sent to concentration camps in Germany in "reprisal" for the alleged mistreatment of German subjects in the Dutch East and West Indies, Nazi authorities said today.

Anti-Draft Stand Anticipated at Okla. Youth Meet

Farm, Labor, Student and Church Groups to Be Widely Represented at Special Anti-War Session Sunday

By Eli Jaffe
(Special to the Daily Worker)

TULSA, Okla., July 25.—Anticipating a real anti-conscription movement among the youth of Oklahoma, progressives are looking eagerly to the special anti-war session of the Oklahoma Youth Legislature next Sunday. The session will have a wide representation from church, student, farm and labor youth groups.

Indicative of the state-wide interest in keeping America out of war and maintaining our civil liberties has been the broad response to the call pronounced by the state OYL council and an arrangements committee representing the Y's, student organizations, labor groups, Negro youth groups and church organizations.

Highlighting the one-day session against war will be the speeches of Jack McMichael, chairman of the American Youth Congress, and Reverend John B. Thompson, Norman Presbyterian minister, newly-elected chairman of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare.

FARM YOUTH REGISTER
Particularly responsive to the call for the session have been farm youth who are starting to revive the old traditions of the Green Corn rebels who, in resistance to the draft, took up their shotguns and squirrel rifles and coined the slogan: "We Ain't a-goin'." Feeling the pinch of the tightening war jacket, many farm youth have started registering for the session. Most of them come from the Farmers Union and the Oklahoma Tenant Farmers Union (CIO).

Also to be well represented at the anti-war session are representatives from church organizations throughout the State. Many of these delegates will be present at the session.

The War Office said that "wave after wave of huge Japanese bombers appeared over Chengtu, dropping explosives on military objectives."

Browder Hails Fight of Pitt. C. P. for Ballot Rights

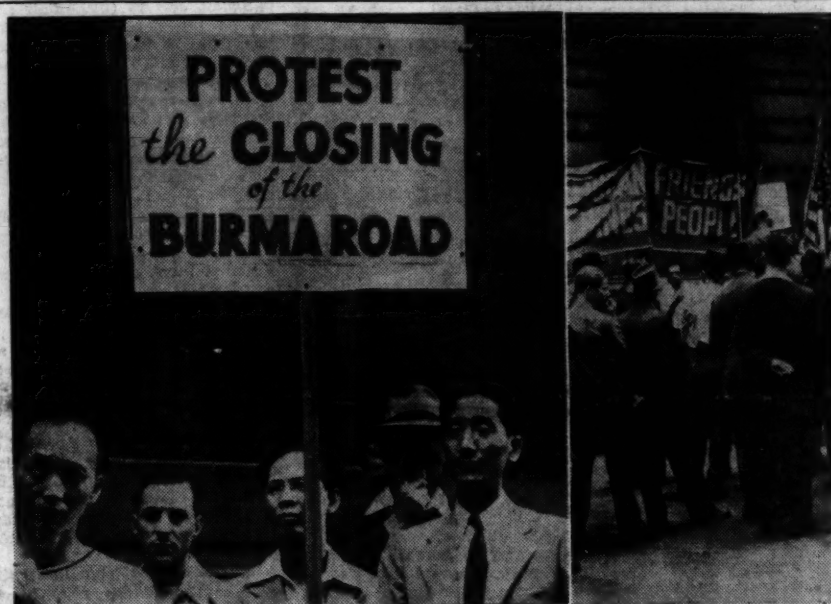
Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President, yesterday in a letter to George Powers, secretary of the Communist Party of Pittsburgh, congratulated the district for its "courageous struggle" against reactionary attacks on its ballot rights and its success in obtaining the release of those arrested during the campaign.

The letter follows in full:
Dear Comrade Powers:
We were very glad to receive your letter of July 17. I am sure that the entire Party will join with me in greeting the important advances registered by the Pittsburgh District in meeting the attacks aimed at depriving the Party of its legal place upon the ballot. The courageous struggle of the Pittsburgh District and the response of both the Party membership and our ever-growing circle of friends and sympathizers made it possible to raise the necessary ball and secure the release of those unjustly arrested.

Certainly this victory is a victory for the entire Party and it should encourage us to redouble our efforts not only to maintain the Party's place upon the ballot but to bring our program to millions of people in the coming election campaign. You can rest assured that the Pittsburgh District will continue to have the active support and aid of the National Committee in the future as in the past.

I look forward to the time when, in the course of the election campaign, I will be able to personally appear in Pittsburgh and join with you in rallying the people of Pennsylvania in the struggle for civil rights, for jobs and for peace.

Comradely yours,
EARL BROWDER, General Secretary, Communist Party, U. S. A.



DEMAND BURMA ROAD OPENING: Scene in New York's financial district yesterday as friends of Chinese independence demonstrated against the closing of the Burma Road. The street meeting, which took place near the British consulate, heard L. O. Tom, head of Chinese Hand Laundry Association, shown in the picture at the left, and Robert Raven, wounded Abe Lincoln vet, who is seen speaking to the crowd in the picture above.

Batista Asks Independence For European Colonies

Demand Seen Opposing Hull Proposal for Trusteeship

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)
HAVANA, July 25.—President-elect Fulgencio Batista of Cuba today called for all possible aid to the peoples of former colonies of invaded European powers in obtaining "their liberty and independence."

Batista's statement was made during a press conference and is receiving wide comment among the delegates to the Pan-American Conference which has before it the directly opposite proposal of United States Secretary of State Cordell Hull that the former colonies be placed under a "collective trusteeship" by imperialism.

Asked about Hull's proposal, Batista said:
"My personal opinion is that every opportunity must be utilized so that these peoples may obtain their liberty and independence and every aid should be afforded them for this end."

OTHER PROPOSAL
Batista's stand, however, was not fully supported by the rest of the Cuban delegation, which was appointed by the Laredo Bru government, which is still in office. The Cuban delegation proposed, among other things, that any American territory threatened by a change of sovereignty should have the inalienable right freely to determine its own destiny and decide either to constitute itself an independent state or to attach itself to another American nation.

But, the Cuban proposal adds, "these territories which, due to their economic or political conditions, are not in a position to establish their

own government, should be placed under a trusteeship system, which would be subject to a drastic license control.

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Nazis Intensify Raids, Blast Plants, Ports

Bomb Industrial Areas; Claim Sinking of Convoy

BERLIN, July 25 (UP).—German planes yesterday attacked the great Vickers aircraft works at Weybridge, 21 miles from London, Glasgow, second largest city in the British Isles, Great Yarmouth, vital shipbuilding center and torpedo boats and planes inflicted great damage on British shipping, the High Command claimed today.

Four planes on the ground were destroyed in the Weybridge attack, the communiqué said, and the industrial areas of Glasgow and Great Yarmouth were said to have been objectives of German raids, conducted despite adverse weather conditions.

It was claimed that torpedo boats and planes destroyed 35,000 tons of British shipping while planes in addition damaged three other merchant vessels so severely that they must be regarded as total losses.

A high command communiqué said German speed launches, apparently penetrating the British coastal defenses, had torpedoed and sunk an armed British merchant vessel of 18,000 tons off Portland.

It was claimed also that German planes had destroyed a convoy of five British merchant ships totalling 17,000 tons and that three

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Britain to Get Full Aid in U.S. Planes, Says Morgenthau

WASHINGTON, July 25 (UP).—Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau, Jr., said today that government will provide "every possible facility" to aid Great Britain in obtaining 3,000 American warplanes a month—a goal which private aviation circles called "fantastic."

Morgenthau revealed that the British purchasing mission is seeking 72,000 American fighting craft in 1941-42 "over and above" existing commitments.

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Union Heads Hail Lewis' Call For Progressive Candidates

By Edward McSorley
A wide section of New York trade union leaders, several of them international executives, responded yesterday to the statement of John L. Lewis, CIO president, calling for the election of progressive congressmen and senators.

Lewis made his statement to the branches of Labor's Non-Partisan League, declaring that its "greatest job" was the election of congressmen and senators who have been tested and who can be relied upon to protect the gains which Labor has achieved.

Almost without exception the trade union leaders asked yesterday to comment

on the Lewis statement emphasized the point that the platforms of neither the Republican nor Democratic parties contain any of the guarantees which labor demands from them.

The statements follow:
JOSEPH CURRAN, President, National Maritime Union and recently elected president of the Greater New York Industrial Union Council:

"Our recent national council meeting went on record as supporting only those candidates who would promise, as a part of their campaigns, to do all in their power, if elected, to protect labor's rights."

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Norris Fights Draft Bill as U. S. 'Hitlerism'

Says It Would Make U. S. an International Bully; Congressional Opposition Mounts as Protest Mail from Home Begins to Pile Up

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touches on the bill under which the Army expects to call up 1,400,000 men in the next 15 months, met all day, and then adjourned with the expectation of reporting the bill tomorrow.

The Committee still expects to bring the measure up on the Senate floor early next week, possibly on Monday.

The Committee heard other witnesses, including Benjamin C. Marsh, executive secretary of the people's lobby, who termed the draft bill "Hitler's first victory in America."

Spectators applauded and committee members joined in their laughter when Marsh proposed that the bill be amended to make Congressmen relinquish their \$10,000 a-year seats and accept \$21-a-month job as military trainees.

The Senate Committee also agreed upon a combat training exemption for conscientious objectors.

This clause provides that persons whose religious belief and training prohibit them from bearing arms shall state their objections when they register. Their names will be turned over to the Department of Justice for investigation. If their objections are found to be in good faith they will be called upon only for non-combat service or for "work of national importance under civilian direction." An automatic appeal to a special board is provided for those who do not agree with the Justice Department findings.

FEAR PUBLIC REACTION

One indication of the fact that the Committee is worried about public reaction against the bill is its sudden concern with the problem of security of employment for the conscripts.

In the original draft of the bill nothing at all was said about the matter of what the conscripts would do after they got through with their year of training.

Later sponsors of the measure threw in a paragraph in parentheses which said conscripts "ought to be re-employed"—but did nothing to see to it that employers guaranteed their jobs.

Today the Committee began to consider a proposal declaring it mandatory for employers to re-employ workers who were called up for service and making refusal to hire conscripts back a violation of the Wagner Act.

Committee members said that this proposal was adopted in principle—and will be put into writing tomorrow.

PLAN LOOPHOLES

Attempts will undoubtedly be made to leave enough loopholes in the provision to make it virtually meaningless.

Meanwhile, the House Military Affairs Committee was told that the Burke-Wadsworth bill would add \$1,100,000,000 to the already staggering total of armaments to be spent during the current fiscal year. Major George L. Eberle told the Committee that this amount will take care of the 400,000 conscripts who are to be called up on Oct. 1, and of the second batch of 400,000 to be called up on April 1, 1941.

This total for the conscription bill is larger than the entire amount of \$975,000,000 appropriated for during the current fiscal year.

Expenditures for the average conscript, Major Eberle said, would include \$356 for housing and \$149 for clothing and equipment.

Senator Norris made his opposi-

tion to the conscription bill public in a letter to Rev. G. A. Moon of Lincoln, Nebraska.

"We are not surrounded as were England, Holland, Belgium, Denmark, nations which could be confronted almost on a moment's notice with an army of invasion," Senator Norris said.

"To compel our young men to serve in the Army in time of peace," Senator Norris added, "is to me abhorrent."

The aged liberal declared that the measure is "not only unnecessary but its enormous annual expense would be so great that our people would not sustain such a move."

He pointed out that the bill means "that at all times we would have millions of men under arms."

OPPOSES LEE BILL

Later in the day Senator Norris voiced his opposition to the Senate floor to a measure introduced by Senator Josh Lee of Oklahoma for the stated purpose of drafting wealth.

Senator Norris charged that the bill confers sweeping dictatorial powers on the President.

"It seems to me that this bill comes pretty near to making him a dictator," Senator Norris declared.

The Lee bill states that it is intended "to prevent profiteering and to make the financial resources of the nation available to the government for purposes of national defense on the same mandatory power as manpower."

Instead of proposing specific excess profits provisions, the measure simply gives the President power to "set up a plan for drafting the use of money according to each individual's ability to lend. Such a plan shall not permit profits, high interest rates, or tax exemptions."

The President is also given authority "to provide for such boards and agencies and to promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act."

Pettain Gov't to Keep Colonies in Americas

VICBY, France, July 25 (UP).—The government is determined to keep possession of its territories in the Western Hemisphere despite a proposal before the Havana Conference of American Foreign Ministers to establish a "collective trusteeship" over American colonies of defeated European countries, it was announced today.

An authorized source, commenting on the speech of United States Secretary of State Cordell Hull before the conference, said that the status of the French possessions in the Americas was not affected by the French-German-Italian armistices.

It was said that an agent had been instructed to investigate the possible development of such territories where "the inhabitants' loyalty toward France has never ceased to show itself."

Inventor Claims Robot Torpedo Is Perfected

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., July 25 (UP).—J. Robert Fish, 45-year-old research engineer, said today that within three weeks he expects to demonstrate a robot rocket and a robot torpedo—two sound-directed explosive projectiles designed to halt invasion by air or sea.

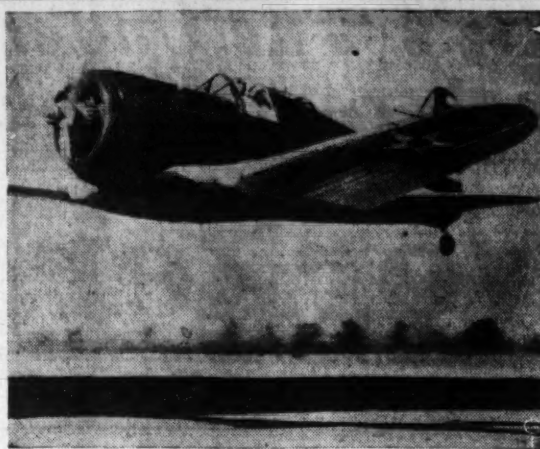
U. S. Government officials, who already are shop-testing his new type carburetor for military planes and mosquito fighting boats, have agreed to witness the other tests, he said.

Van Arsdale to Speak at Peace Rally on Randall's Island, Aug. 4

Harry Van Arsdale, business manager of Local 3 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, A. F. L. has accepted an invitation to speak at the People's Rally for Peace at Randall's Island Stadium, Sunday, Aug. 4, at 2 P. M.

This was announced today by Dr. Walter Scott Neff, executive secretary of the Emergency Peace Mobilization Committee of Greater New York.

"Mr. Van Arsdale," said Dr. Neff in making the announcement, "will speak for those tens of thousands of New Yorkers, who are members of the American Federation of Labor, and who are firmly determined to keep America democratic and at peace. Organized labor has a tremendous stake in the defense of America, which means keeping our country free from domination by pro-war and pro-Hitler forces, who would like to impose a fascist-like



U. S. PLANE AIDS NAZIS: Here is one of the Chance - Vought dive bombers, made in the United States and sold to France, which Germany now is reported using in attacks against Great Britain.

Foreign Policy of GOP, Dems Alike--Izvestia

Soviet Paper Sees 'No Essential Difference'; Cites Drive of Finance Capital Against Communist Party and Its Candidate

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, July 25.—The nomination of Wendell Willkie shows that certain circles of Wall Street consider it necessary at the present critical moment to fill the Presidential post with their own candidate, declares Izvestia, Soviet government paper, in an article devoted to the Presidential elections in the United States.

Pointing out that Willkie is opposed to social legislation, Izvestia states that there is no essential difference in the viewpoints of the candidates of both parties as far as international relations are concerned.

According to some American observers the foreign policy of Washington has of late won greater sympathy for Roosevelt in financial circles," the paper continues. "Perhaps it is primarily due to this fact that the Democratic Party convention was at length able to organize a demonstration of unity around the candidacy of Roosevelt."

ATTACKS ON C. P.

"The Communist Party, America, which heads the struggle of the American proletarians for a genuine new world, has nominated its own candidate for President."

"In its attack against the advanced American workers the reactionary bourgeoisie has succeeded in having Earl Browder, Communist Party candidate, sentenced to imprisonment. Numerous new arrests, police provocations, preparation of legislation to outlaw the Communist Party—all these facts testify to a resolute campaign of finance capital to isolate the masses from Communist influence."

"This year's presidential campaign is only because of the turbulent times experienced by the capitalist world, is bound to take into account in one form or another, the burning problems facing America's foreign policy and the class struggle in the United States."

U.S. Guns Boom Salute to Fleeing Royal Family

ANNAPOLIS, Md., July 25 (UP).

—Prince Consort Felix of Luxembourg and his six children, who fled before the German invasion of the tiny European principality, arrived here today aboard the U. S. cruiser Trenton and were accorded the booming welcome of a 21-gun salute.

They were met at the dock of the United States Naval Academy by Stanley Woodward, acting Chief of Protocol of the State Department, and State Assistant Secretary of State Joseph E. Davies, who greeted them in the name of the President and the government.



HARRY VAN ARSDALE

dictatorship over the American workingmen and women."

Dr. Neff said he was confident that thousands of New York trade unionists would flock to the People's Rally for Peace to express their demand for peace and their opposition to what Dr. Neff described as "the current pro-war drive against trade unions."

In addition to Van Arsdale, Congressman Vito Marcantonio will deliver the main speech of the afternoon. The Committee has also arranged a full program, which will include a special peace pageant entitled "Defend America." More than 200 actors will participate in the pageant, assisted by the American People's Chorus, a group of Negro singers and prominent soloists.

The Emergency Peace Mobilization Committee, which is sponsoring the Randall's Island Rally, is composed of prominent New York civic, patriotic, trade union, peace and church leaders. Mrs. Aline Davis Hays is the Committee chairman.

Huge Demonstrations In Estonia Hail Acts Of Newly-Elected Gov't

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

TALLINN, Estonia, July 25.—Huge rallies and demonstrations of the working people are taking place in the cities and villages throughout the country hailing the historic decisions of the Estonian State Assembly which has just concluded its work. Yesterday thousands took part in a demonstration in Tallinn. The demonstrators were greeted by members of the Estonian government, by USSR Ambassador Boroharev, and by Secretary Sore of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Estonia.

Italians Bomb Haifa, Kill 46, Wound 80

HAIFA, Palestine, July 25 (UP).

—Officials charged today that Italian fliers attacked non-military objectives in their raid yesterday, killing 46 persons and wounding 80, most of them civilians.

It was the second raid on this Holy Land port in 10 days. The planes dropped between 80 and 100 bombs. Many fell into the sea, one hitting a fishing vessel and killing two Arabs. Another fell in a street, killing a truck driver. A third hit a house but did not explode.

Ten planes were in the squadron which flew in from the southwest, dumping their bombs in the eastern suburbs. Anti-aircraft batteries finally drove them off.

ITALY LOSES SUB, BOMBS NAVAL BASES

ROME, July 25 (UP).—Italy admitted the loss of another submarine in its war communique today, which said that Italian planes again had bombed the British naval base at Alexandria, Egypt, and the Palestine port of Haifa.

(Palestine dispatches had reported 46 persons killed and 80 injured, most of them civilians, in the raid on Haifa.)

The communique gave no details of the loss of the Italian submarine but it said that great fires had been observed burning at Haifa following the raid.

The raid on Alexandria was described as successful. The communique said that at Haifa the Italians scored direct hits on their objective—oil refineries—and all planes returned to their bases.

The Italians severely damaged a British plane over the British island base on Malta and a British plane was shot down during an attempted raid on Massawa, Eritrea, in Italian East Africa, the communique said.

It was claimed also in North Africa three British planes were shot down and one Italian plane was missing after the British had attempted to raid Bardia, Italian fortified seacoast base in Libya, near the Egyptian frontier.

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other merchant ships had suffered severe damage.

Total British airplane losses yesterday were placed by the Germans at 10. It was admitted that six German planes were missing.

The British continued raids on northwestern Germany, the high command said, but no damage was done by bombs dropped.

KING CAUGHT IN RAID

LONDON, July 25 (UP).—King George VI was caught in the open today at a south coast naval training center when German raiders appeared overhead and engaged in an air battle with British fighters.

This was the second time during two weeks that the King had been caught in air raids while on inspection tours.

This raid was one of many which the Germans launched against the British Isles today, pointing mainly at British shipping, but British guns and planes were reported to have driven the raiders off.

Five of the German planes were shot down, the air ministry reported, as the attackers shuttled in relays across the Channel from bases in France and the Low Countries.

(The Rome newspaper Lavoro Fascista reported that the Nazi air force had launched one of the most severe aerial bombardments of the war against Britain, attacking airfields, airbases, fortifications, coastal batteries and ships anchored in port.)

German bomber fleets attacked a British convoy twice in the North Sea. The first fleet was repulsed by anti-aircraft guns of escort ships and British fighter planes beat off the second one, it was reported.

British planes and ships, meanwhile, watched closely for more German motor torpedo boats such as those which were beaten back Wednesday when they tried to approach the British coast.

British Gov't Retreats on Emergency Powers

Amendments Forced in Measure on Civilian Death Penalty

LONDON, July 25 (UP).—Members of the House of Commons, refusing even in the present state of the war to vote away fundamental civil rights compelled the government to give ground last night in its effort to push through a bill providing for emergency courts which could impose the death penalty on civilians.

For a time during an angry three and a half hour debate it looked as if the government might face defeat, but the government promised that amendments would be accepted when it reached the House of Lords. After that the Commons passed the bill, subject to amendment.

The disputed bill would institute emergency courts in war zones to try civilians. A justice, sitting without a jury, would be able to impose penalties, including the death penalty, for war offenses including looting.

Sir John Anderson, Home Security Minister, promised to modify the bill in the Lords so that all death sentences would be subject to appeal and that sentences imposed for serious offenses would be reviewed.

More Than 2,000 Reported Lost in Sinking of 2 Ships

British Claim Lancastria and Meknes Sunk by German Vessels, Planes; Former Carried Evacuees from France

LONDON, July 25 (UP).—Between 2,000 and 3,000 persons were lost when German and Italian planes and torpedo boats sank two evacuation ships, survivors of the tragedies reported tonight.

The vessels were the famous transatlantic liner Lancastria, sunk by air bombs off the French Brittany port of Saint Nazaire on June 16, and the 6,127-ton French steamer Meknes, sent to the bottom by a speedy Nazi torpedo boat off England's south coast Wednesday night.

Of 5,300 men, women and children aboard the Lancastria, about 2,800 still were unaccounted for tonight, five weeks after the most disastrous British shipping loss of the war thus far.

TROOPS ON SHIP

At least 1,700 of the British troops and civilian evacuees fleeing France aboard the Lancastria perished, it was estimated, while others were believed to have fallen into German hands and to have been taken prisoners.

Aboard the Meknes about 300 French naval officers were lost from 1,300 aboard the small steamer which was repatriating them to France from the British port of Southampton under terms of the French-German armistice.

The number of persons aboard the Lancastria when she sailed from Saint Nazaire on the eve of the Loire River, only five days before France's complete capitulation, was given as approximately 5,300 including British troops, women and children.

Of these 2,477 were rescued, leaving approximately 2,800 unaccounted for. The estimate of 1,700 dead indicated that about 1,600 or 1,100 were believed to have been taken by the Germans.

Saint Nazaire at the time of the sinking of the Lancastria, was one of the main British Expeditionary Force bases in France. Most of the BEF already had been evacuated before June 16 and the Lancastria carried details, stragglers, base troops and civilians.

Berlin denies sinking Meknes. BERLIN, July 25 (UP).—A German spokesman alleged today that the British Navy might have sunk the 6,127-ton French steamer Meknes "in order to create new propaganda against Germany."

Nothing is known in Berlin of the sinking of the Meknes, he said, adding:

"Inasmuch as the sailing of the Meknes is alleged to have been announced beforehand and she was fully lighted it can be regarded as out of the question that any German speedboat fired on her."

"The only assumption one can make is that Mr. Alexander (First Lord of the British Admiralty A. V. Alexander) himself sank her in order to create new propaganda against Germany."

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ALBERT MALTZ was born in Brooklyn, 1908. Began writing plays while in college. Scored his first success with "Peace on Earth," written with George Sklar. Won the O. Henry Memorial Award for the best short story of 1938. Is now Instructor of Playwriting at the School of Adult Education at New York University. "The Underground Stream," which has been so widely acclaimed, is his first full-length novel.

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CIO Charges Bethlehem Shipyard Sabotages Defense by Padded Payroll

QUINCY, Mass., July 25 (UP).—An investigation of alleged "open sabotage of the national defense program" at Bethlehem Steel Corp.'s Fore River shipyard was sought today by the Quincy local of CIO's Marine Shipbuilding Workers of America.

The union requested Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox to investigate the "squandering" of \$70,000 to \$80,000 yearly in salaries of 27 skilled mechanics who, the CIO union charged, act as representatives "of a company union that has been declared illegal" by the National Labor Relations Board.

The men were doing "no productive work although they were hired as mechanics," according to a resolution passed unanimously last night. It termed the alleged situation "sabotage" because the Federal Government has agreed to assume part of the overhead of companies working on defense contracts. The salaries were charged to overhead, it said.

"We contend that if working conditions in the Fore River plant are such as to require the services of 27 men, five days a week, eight hours a day, to adjust grievances, they become a proper matter for Congressional investigation."

Jobless Picket State Capitol in Missouri

Throng Legislature Gallery to Demand More Relief

(Special to the Daily Worker)

ST. LOUIS, July 25.—Demanding a \$5,000,000 appropriation for relief for the state of Missouri, to care for needy families until December 31, Workers Alliance delegates picketed the capitol at Jefferson City today. The Legislature had convened in special session to consider the relief crisis.

The pickets marched up into the gallery of the House, carrying their signs, to hear Governor Stark deliver his message before the joint session.

The signs called for \$5,000,000, the money to be raised through taxing Union Electric, the public utility company which according to recent disclosures had a slush fund of more than half a million dollars to make contributions to the political campaigns of both Republicans and Democratic parties.

When Governor Stark, who has consistently ignored Missouri's unemployed, called for an appropriation of only \$1,500,000, the visitors in the gallery boomed, shouting "Tax Union Electric!" "We want \$5,000,000!" After the Governor's speech, the joint session was dissolved, and the representatives remained to consider action.

After dallying around with resolutions of birthday greetings to House members and other such "vital" matters, the House considered a resolution for allocating only \$300,000 for the month of August and postponing further action until after the primary elections.

John Rossen, chairman of the Workers Alliance of St. Louis, shouted: "The crisis of hungry babies will be on your conscience when you're campaigning unless you stay in session and vote adequate relief!"

The speaker, first threatened to personally eject Rossen, but then assigned a sergeant-at-arms to do it.

Bethlehem Workers Back Union Committee

1,500 at Baltimore Shipyard Press Wage Demands

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BALTIMORE, July 25.—Fifteen hundred workers of the Sparrows Point shipyard of the Bethlehem Steel Corp. last night unanimously voted to give full backing to the negotiating committee of the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers on their demands.

The meeting acted upon hearing a report by members of the committee headed by Phillip Van Gelder, general secretary-treasurer of the union and William Smith, national organizer.

The Union meeting was called after a two hour session in the morning between the union representatives and Francis G. Wrightson assistant to the general manager of the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Co. of Baltimore ended in a deadlock with no promise from the company even to consider the demands of the union for a wage increase and other benefits.

COMPANY STALLING

"In view of the clear fact that the company is completely evading the issue," said Mr. Smith, "there is no use in further meeting with them unless they indicate that they are prepared to bargain with our committee. However, the men are back at work in order to give the government conciliator, Mr. Chappell, every opportunity to induce the company to negotiate with us."

As the result of a wild rumor that "there is going to be trouble at the yard," The company flooded the plant with its deputized police last night and early this morning city and county police patrolled the outside. But the perfect discipline maintained by the men at all times made such "protection" quite unnecessary.

Whatever further action is to be taken will rest on results obtained by the government conciliator and the decision of the union committee. Meanwhile the union has been greatly strengthened by the addition of hundreds of new members signed up during and after the two hour stoppage last Wednesday.

Furriers Appeal from Jail -- 'Continue Fight for Union'

Wage Boost in State Hotels Up For Approval

Women and Minors to Benefit; Hearings Next Month

A wage boost for a large number of women and minors in the hotels and lodging houses of New York State will take effect, if the rates recommended by the Hotel Minimum Wage Board receive final approval following hearings next month.

The board appointed by State Industrial Commissioner Frieda S. Miller, acting under the State Minimum Wage Law, recommended 26 cents an hour for waitresses, 33 cents for chambermaids and 36 cents for all others in all-year around establishments.

These rates are subject to the number of meals the workers get at their place of work—3 cents an hour less if one meal is given, six cents an hour less if two or more meals are given.

Rates for resort hotels are lower, providing \$6 a week for those receiving meals and lodgings and \$11 for those who do not.

Residential employees of all-year hotels in New York City are to pay a minimum of \$10 a week with room and board or \$13 without.

Up-state establishments are to pay 2 cents an hour less than the rates set until March, 1941, and one cent less by March, 1942, to get more time to make adjustments. After that uniform rates are to prevail throughout New York.

ABOVE PRESENT SCALE

Although the new rates would still keep the women hotel workers in the lower wage category, they are considerably above what a large percentage of 31,000 in the industry gets.

As a basis for the committee's consideration, the wage board received the results of a survey made by Miss Miller's department. It showed that 8 per cent of those employed in the industry received less than \$4 weekly; 50 per cent received less than \$11 weekly and in the resort hotels over half received less than \$5.47 a week with meals. The survey further disclosed that three-fourths of the women employed were required to wear uniforms and one-third of that number had to buy their own.

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Potash and Others Issue Letter to Entire Membership; AFL to Charter Gang of Stoolpigeons Who Testified in Court

From an ill-smelling, crowded cell at the Federal Detention House at 427 West St., where they are still held, Irving Potash, Joseph Winogradsky, John Vafades and Louis Hatos issued an appeal to the thousands of fur workers outside to do everything in their power to "beat back the attack upon our union."

The appeal, in the form of a letter signed by the four, was distributed yesterday to the tens of thousands of fur workers who are members of the powerful union.

"THEY SHALL NOT PASS"
"Remember the slogan of those in the past who defended the labor movement against its enemies," their letter concluded, "They shall not pass."

Only relatives are permitted to visit the prisoners. With about a score of men in one room, and the ventilation system broken down, the heat wave has been particularly hard on these men whom the Roosevelt government picked to be the first prison victims of the war hysteria. It was learned that they receive only one hour a day on the roof. With nothing to do but wait, their lot is made all the harder.

All four are family men leaving behind their wives and children. Vafades' wife gave birth only two months ago. It is still uncertain which federal penitentiary the men will be taken to. If they are sent to Leavenworth, they will face Jacob (Gurrah) Shapiro; if to Atlanta, they will face Louis (Lepeke) Buchalter. Both of these gang chiefs were first convicted because Potash and other fur union leaders were the only ones with courage to testify to threats against them, by racket bosses.

The prison at Lewisburg, Pa., may be the other alternative.

HEAVY SENTENCES

Potash, Manager of the Furriers' Joint Council, is to serve two years; Winogradsky, assistant manager, 15 months; Vafades, manager of the Greek Local 70, two years, and Hatos, member of Local 70, one year—all on "obstruction of justice" charges growing out of the recent Sherman anti-trust trial against the union.

The first stage of their appeal will not come up until October when the judges of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals return from their vacations.

In the meantime, the stoolpigeons and company-union sponsors upon whose framed stories convictions were obtained, were joyous, and announced yesterday that William Collins, A. F. of L. representative in New York, will present to them a charter for their new attempt to form a rival organization—this time under the A. F. of L. label. They consist of a group of strikebreakers ousted from the Greek Local 70 and of several Lovestonite disrupters.

The full meaning of the A. F. of L.'s use of this gang of strikebreakers will be explained by Ben Gold.



IRVING POTASH

International President of the Fur Workers, at a conference of all shop chairmen of the union at Manhattan Center Thursday, Aug. 1, at 5:30 P. M. Gold has been assigned by the general executive board of the union to take over supervision of the Joint Council in the absence of Potash. He will outline the union's plan of preparation for the coming negotiations for a new contract and to strengthen the union for a struggle if that becomes necessary.

"We thank you for your strenuous efforts to defend us in court against the conspiracy of the bosses and provocateurs," reads the letter of the four prisoners distributed yesterday.

"We are certain that you will continue your efforts to free us from prison. We are convinced that the progressive labor movement will soon take up the struggle against the sum who are responsible for the frame-up against us."

"In the present critical period when reaction is spreading throughout the United States, progressive trade unions and their leaders are the first to be attacked by organized labor's enemies. The unprincipled provocateurs now see their best opportunity to knife the labor movement."

"It is therefore of utmost importance that our union be defended against all enemies."

STRESS RECORD

The letter then stresses that the fur union is one of the few organizations that has come through the 1937 crisis with gains, 100 per cent organization and the highest wages in the union's history.

"This is why the employers and their agents hate us," the letter continued. "They cannot swallow the united might and success of our union. The employers and their numerous agents didn't hide their hatred towards us. This was clearly demonstrated by the fact that while we were busy defending ourselves in court, the Greek association, together with professional scabs and labor spies, tried to organize a company union in order to weaken and split our organization."

"Fur workers, we call upon you to do everything in your power to beat back the attacks upon our union; to defend the unity and strength of the union, and with all your strength to defend your hard-won conditions. This is the way to defeat all our enemies."

"Don't permit your enemies to undermine your discipline and the unity of your union. Now, more than ever it is necessary that you—the honest and loyal fur workers—stick together to defend your union against all enemies."

FISH DIET IN JAIL URGED
WILLOW, N. J. (UP).—Fredrick Cole, 32, and William Robinson, 48, will be eating fish for the next six months. The two men, convicted of stealing fish were sentenced to six months imprisonment with the judge's recommendation that they be kept on a fish diet during that time.

Reeve Speaks Today Over Phila. Radio

Will Expose Campaign Against Signers of C.P. Petitions

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ly unnoticed even when brought by himself and attorneys for the Communist Party.

In granting the Communist Party free time on the radio, Samuel R. Rosenbaum, president of WFIL released the following statements:

FREEDOM OF SPEECH

"I abhor and oppose censorship of free speech by force. It is my profound conviction that freedom of speech, press, radio and thought is the fundamental rock upon which what we call liberty is built. The time may come in the war now in progress when we Americans may be obliged, when time gets short, to cut out discussion and notify dissenters to lay their differences on the table. We have not yet reached that point. Until we do, we should try our best to maintain that good measure of good sportsmanship which is the Anglo-Saxon definition of democracy."

"I have talked to Carl Reeve. I do not agree with him. I think his politics and his economics are not practical and will not stand the test of actual war. They will shrink therein. But I am satisfied he is not a danger or a menace or a foreign agent or a bomb-thrower. In my opinion he is a product of conditions which must be improved. I think he sincerely believes that this type of activity will help to improve those conditions within the framework of our form of government."

"But whatever opposition has been registered, stronger union has been displayed by the broad youth forces. The youth legislature has been making firm strides since its third annual session in which it read the reactionary and disruptive youth proxies of the Legion and anti-union forces out of its ranks. Its special session on Sunday reveals that, in clarity of thinking, in courage and its desire to solve the many-fold problems of the potential Jews here."

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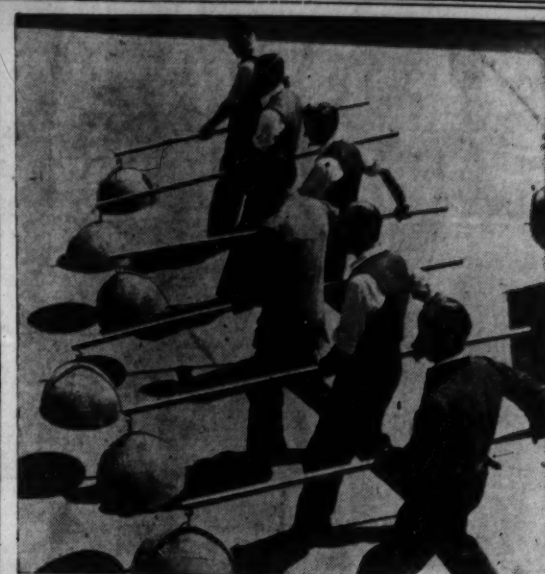
Anti-Draft Stand Expected At Okla. Meet

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gates reflect a strong pacifist sentiment but are articulate in their opposition to America's participation in the imperialist war. Many also are indicating sharp interest in the struggle of the Chinese people in their anti-imperialist war. Reflection of church interest in the question of peace and in the special session is the support given the meeting by the Tulsa Ministerial Alliance, the Tulsa Council of Churches, the American Association of University Women and individual religious leaders throughout the State.

Young people of the trade unions or sons and daughters of union members have also been recording an increased interest in the OYL, which is affiliated to the American Youth Congress. There have recently been growing indications of labor's interest in the Oklahoma Youth movement.

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BOMB SNUFFERS: England introduces "bomb snuffer" as she prepares for the blitzkrieg. The newest defense equipment to appear in London is a device designed to be placed over flaming fragments of incendiary bombs to prevent the spread of fire. The dome-shaped, wire-meshed frame is covered on both sides with asbestos fiber.

Local 65 Pickets Go on Trial in Attack by Cops

The trial of a group of 18 members of the United Wholesale and Warehouse Employees, Local 65 of the CIO of the 28 arrested on a disorderly conduct charge while picketing last Thursday, began yesterday at Essex Market Court, before Magistrate McKinnery.

Three of a total scheduled for trial, charged with "assault" were bound over to General Sessions court. The cases of the others were postponed to future dates.

Most of the pickets were arrested during last Thursday's attack by police on the mass picket line outside Golding Bros. Broadway and Pearl St. and later at City Hall Plaza where they came to protest police brutality.

Defending the workers is Attorney Sam Sacher.

Police, bending all efforts to build up a traffic blockade to "justify" the blackjacking of strikers, put on the stand as their first witness Charles W. Gould, an attorney, who said he saw everything from his office window at 305 Broadway. He claims pickets blocked traffic.

The trial will continue at 11 A. M. today.

As the trial was going on, several hundred members of the Local 65 repeated their daily noon-hour picket line outside Golding Brothers.

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Brown to Speak at Union Rights Conference

Youth Leader Also to Address Town Hall Parley

(Special to the Daily Worker)

Elmer Brown, Chairman of the Joint Committee for Trade Union Rights (CIO-AFL), and Miss Frances Williams, Administrative Secretary of the American Youth Congress, today accepted invitations to address a Special Conference on the use of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act against labor to be held at Town Hall, 123 West 43rd St., Monday evening, July 29, at 8 P. M.

The announcement was made today by Miss Rosalie Manning, president of the New York Conference for Inalienable Rights, which called the conference. Miss Manning also announced that a partial list of the organizations which have already informed the New York Conference that they will participate in the conference to be held at Town Hall includes 53 CIO and AFL unions, neighborhood organizations, civic groups, foreign born organizations and others.

Solicitor General Henry Epstein, Borough President Stanley Isaacs, Professor Josephine Truslow Adams, Harry Van Arsdale, Business Manager of Local 3 of the Electrical Workers Union (AFL), and Samuel Mindell, International Vice-President of the Furriers Union, will be the outstanding speakers.

The conference will also consider action on "Youth's Civil Rights as endangered by plans for 'compulsory government service' and the threats to every American's civil rights under the Alien Registry Act of 1940," in addition to the use of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act against labor, said Miss Manning.

Fifty-three organizations have already notified the New York Conference of their participation.

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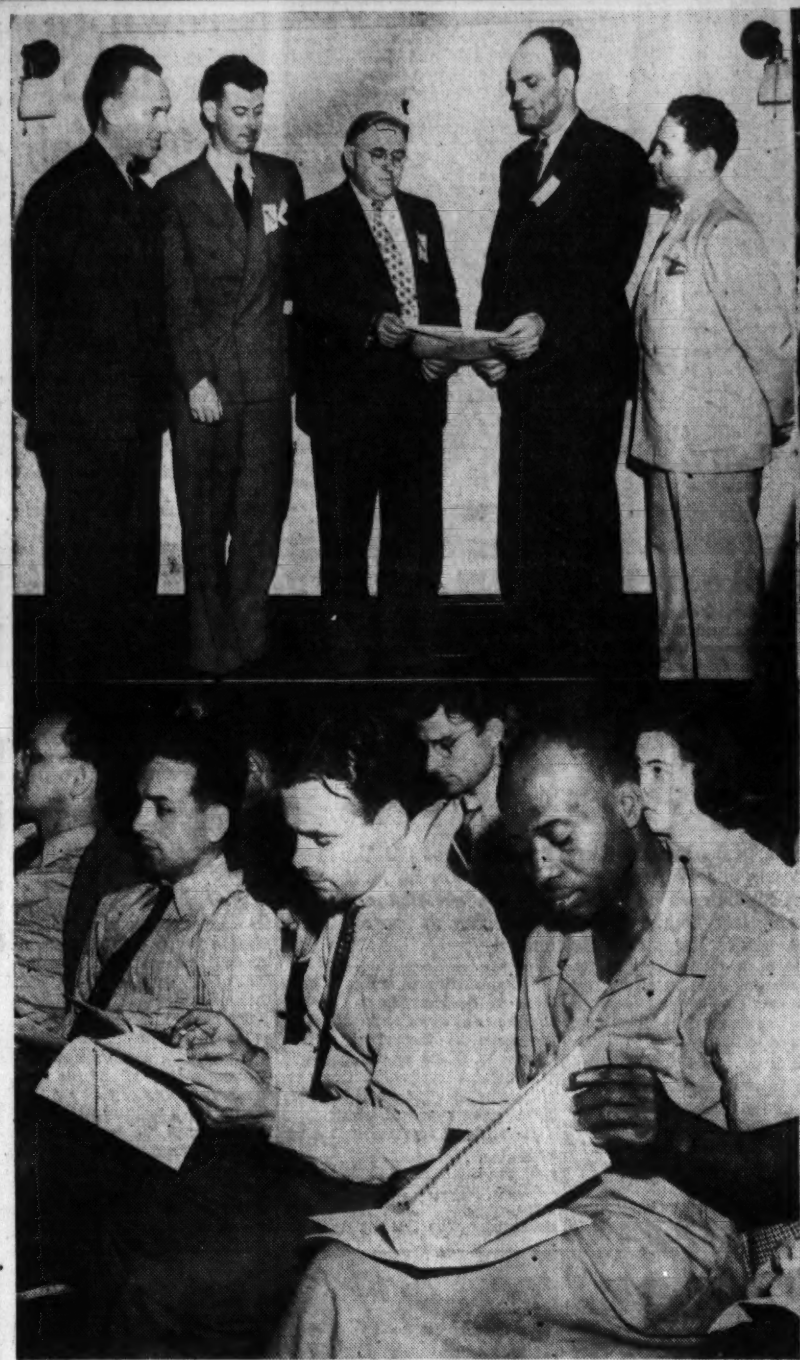
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CIO COUNCIL BORN:

Henceforth every first and third Thursday delegates of all CIO unions of New York will meet to consider their common problems as the Greater New York Industrial Union Council. Left photo shows National CIO director Allan S. Haywood, handing the charter to Joseph Curran, President of the council after it was constituted at McAlpin Hotel Wednesday night. Left to right the officers are: John Cooney, of the United Retail and Wholesale Employees, second vice-president; Austin Hogan, President of the Transport Workers Union, first vice-president; Haywood, Curran and Saul Mills of the American Newspaper Guild, who was elected secretary-treasurer.

Right photo shows the caucus of the locals of the International Fur and Leather Workers Union, meeting in a corner during a recess to pick their two men on the council's executive board.

Lower photo shows delegates following the clauses of the proposed constitution as they are being read for approval.

The executive board elected is as follows: Adolph Rosenbaum of Harbers and Beauty Culturists; Josephine Timms, American Communications Association; Edward Matthews, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers; Sam Burt and Sam Mencher of the International Fur and Leather Workers; Ferdinand Smith, of National Maritime Union; Peter K. Hawley, United Office and Professional Workers; Arthur Osman, Local 65, Wholesale and Warehouse Employees; Sam Sorken, State, County and Municipal Workers; John Sante, Transport Workers Union; Harry Cappel, United Shoe Workers; Anne Wharton, Federal Workers Union; Patrick A. McDonough, United Photographic Workers; Alex Ravich, Doll and Novelty Workers; Louis Rode, United Construction Workers.

more at the council meeting, but it came up as "Commissioner Hillman of the advisory commission of the Council of National Defense." Following adoption of the resolution on defense contracts, Haywood called for a flood of wires to "Commissioner Hillman" backing Lewis on the demand for an executive order denying contracts to any firms that violate the Wagner Act.

Haywood noted that if that executive order was issued "the CIO would soon have the 10,000,000 members it set out to reach."

"There are some corporations," he continued, "that think labor should not strike for fear of 'fifth columns.' They say this particularly of aviation workers. But we are going to organize the aviation workers. We have accepted the challenge. In Los Angeles we have won our first major election in an aviation plant."

"The workers are not fifth columnists. The workers are ready to fight and die for their liberties. We are afraid of those kind of fifth columnists who make blood money and profit by the war."

The Council will meet the first and third Thursday of each month. The term of its officers will expire on December 31 of each year. The per capita tax is one cent per month for each member of the affiliated unions.

I met in New York. I found him always ready to support the weaker unions. Potash is practical. He is a trade unionist first and ready to serve the workers.

"He is a clean union man fighting for decent unionism."

Hillman's name came up once

Unity of Action Keynotes Birth of City CIO Council

Haywood Hails Move as Big Step Forward; Lewis Wire Urges Fight to Protect Labor's Gains; Potash Frameup Assailed

By George Morris

Consolidation of labor ranks took a long stride forward in New York Wednesday night when delegates of 350,000 CIO members in the city at McAlpin Hotel formed the Greater New York Industrial Union Council.

Already 118 local unions and seven joint boards have entered the CIO's central body. CIO unions still unaffiliated are expected to fall in before long to make up the largest central trades body in the country.

In taking this step, the CIO followed one of the militant and progressive traditions that started with the earliest stages of trade unionism in the United States — the united assembly of organized labor, irrespective of trades or other differences. "Too many of these unifying centers of labor" fell into a slumber," Lewis wired.

CRUCIAL HOUR

A telegram from President John L. Lewis keyed the serious moment under which the council was born.

"In these crucial hours, it is absolutely essential that we have unity so that we can protect labor's gains, advance interest and resist the forces of reaction that seek to drive labor backwards and take away its cherished rights and liberties," Lewis wired.

Among the acts of the council at its charter meeting were:

- 1 — Unanimously backed Lewis on his demand that President Roosevelt bar all defense contracts to firms violating the Wagner Act.
- 2 — Adopted a constitution making the Council a democratic central body.
- 3 — Sharply condemned the imprisonment of Irving Potash and four other members of the International Fur and Leather Workers Union on frame up evidence.
- 4 — Elected an executive board and officers who in their very person are expressive of the rank and file militancy with which the CIO unions are permeated.

The formation of the CIO came after a long trail of difficulties and delays. Allan S. Haywood, National Director of the CIO said in his opening remarks. Nearly three years ago when he first came to New York, as regional director, a demand for a Council was raised. The original objection was raised by David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers who was then still in the CIO. He claimed it would "interfere" with efforts to bring about unity with the A. F. of L. Later Haywood said, Dubinsky put as a condition the willingness of the International Typographical Union, then still an A. F. of L. affiliate, to join the Council. When that became obviously out of the question,

Dubinsky asked delay until after an Atlantic City conference of the CIO. Following that Dubinsky wanted a delay until after unity talks with the A. F. of L. took place. Haywood made no mention of the attitude of Sidney Hillman, President of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, which was also responsible for some delay in the more recent period. The absence of delegates of ACW locals spoke quite eloquently of that.

An encouraging sign was the pledge by spokesmen for the United Retail and Wholesale Employees to bring all 35 New York locals into the Council. This union's general president, Samuel Wolchok, is a close follower of Hillman. John Cooney, secretary-treasurer of the United Retail Employees, was elected second vice-president of the Council.

"Unfortunately, a vicious frame-up prevents my participation in your deliberations," wrote Potash. "Nevertheless you can be assured that I will follow with keenest interest, from my place of confinement the course the council will take in meeting attacks on labor by the hosts of open and concealed reactionaries."

Potash has been a prominent figure in the work of the State Industrial Union Council, state conventions of the CIO and in movements to promote organization in many fields outside of the fur industry.

Upon hearing Sam Burt, vice-president of the Fur Union, give a brief outline of the frame-up that put Potash and his associates in prison for two years, the council decided by a rising vote to condemn the frameup and to send a telegram of greeting to those imprisoned.

Marcel Scherer, of the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians, said "the jailing of Potash is our first casualty in the war hysteria."

Haywood paid tribute to Potash as follows:

"Potash was the first CIO man

Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union, branded as an outright forgery an alleged photostat and story linking him to the Communist Party which was published in yesterday's afternoon papers.

The story was released by Charles Yale Harrison, literary hired man who has peddled his wares all the way from the Hearst press to the Social Democratic New Leader.

Curran's statement follows:

"Today's news stories relating to the National Maritime Union are reshapes of material which has been made public from time to time by the Dies Committee. The material, most of which is spurious and forged, was furnished to Dies by a group of labor spies who were expelled from the Union for carrying on shipowner activities."

"I have stated on many occasions that I am not a Communist and never have been. Any letters, cards or other documents purporting to show that I am a member of the Communist Party are outright forgeries."

PROOF OF FORGERY

"An examination of the alleged Communist dues receipt carrying my name and published in the Telegram this afternoon shows this interesting discrepancy. It is dated October 14, 1936, and one of the items listed is 'N. M. U. Fund—\$3.00.' As everyone knows including the press, the National Maritime Union was not formed until May of 1937.

"Neither the Communist Party nor any other political party controls our organization. It is strictly membership — controlled, as an examination of our records and the minutes of meetings will show. The membership has to

approve everything our organization does. Even the election of officers is by membership referendum—something that is not true of any other Union in the country."

"We are being attacked for two reasons. One, because we have increased wages in the industry nearly 50 per cent and, two, we are in the front rank of those opposed to this country's entrance into the present European war. These attacks on us will continue as long as we stand for high wages and peace."

"American seamen are loyal to the American people and to their institutions. We will defend this country, and our organization from attack from any source, foreign or domestic — whether these attacks come cloaked in the mantle of patriotism or in some more honest guise."

In October of 1936, the N.M.U. statement said, Curran was on the West Coast working on a trade union plan of uniting all American maritime workers into a single federation. He stated that he had gone to the coast on money borrowed from one Fred Blossom. Hence he was not even in New York at the time the forgery alleges the receipt to have been made out to him.

COMMUNIST PARTY REVEALS FORGERY

Documents offered by Charles Yale Harrison, purporting to show that Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union, was a member of the Communist Party, were today branded as forgeries by Alex Leith, publicity director of the New York State Committee of the Communist Party.

Declaring that he was concerned solely with the fact that a forgery involving the Communist Party was being foisted on the labor movement, Leith submitted data to show that a receipt allegedly issued to Joseph Curran by the Communist Party in 1936 was:

1—Not the type in use during that year.

2—That the dues shown on the alleged receipt were never part of the Communist Party's dues scale.

3—That a fictitious and meaningless number is used on the receipt.

4—That any receipt for three months' dues should have shown an International Solidarity Stamp, while the forgery does not.

5—There was never a National Maritime Union section of the Communist Party as claimed in the forgery. There was no N.M.U. in 1936. It was not organized until 1937.

6—The Communist Party never collects funds for any union, as implied in the receipt.

7—The alleged receipt is made out in ink, contrary to the procedure in the Communist Party.

IGNORANT OF PROCEDURE

"Aside from all the crude forgeries," Mr. Leith declared, "we can point out that not only were they made by some ignorant of Communist Party procedure, but some equally poor in arithmetic, since the figures on the receipt do not arrive at a correct total."

Following is a detailed analysis of the receipt attributed to Joseph Curran:

1—Receipts of the "B" series as shown on the photostat, were not printed until 1938. Receipts of the

same type "A" series were used in 1937. Receipts used in 1936, when the alleged Curran receipt was issued, were of the type attached without any serial letter.

2—The 1936 receipts had the word "wks." printed on them instead of "mos." as dues were paid on a weekly basis and not a monthly basis. Monthly dues payments did not start until January, 1937.

3. Dues were not and are not paid in the Communist Party at the rate of \$2.40 per month. In 1936 the dues rates per week were as follows: 2 cents per week for those unemployed.

10 cents per week for those earning up to \$15 per week
25 cents per week for those earning from \$16 to \$25 per week
50 cents per week for those earning from \$26 to \$30 per week
75 cents per week for those earning from \$31 to \$40 per week
\$1.00 per week for those earning from \$41 to \$50 per week

Members earning over \$50 per week paid in addition to the regular \$1 per week dues, additional dues at the rate of 50c for each \$5.00 (or fraction) of their weekly earnings above \$50.

Beginning January 1st, 1937, when a monthly dues were installed, the dues rates are as follows:
10 cents per month for those earning up to \$47.00 per month
25 cents per month for those earning from \$47.01 to \$50 per month
50 cents per month for those earning from \$50.01 to \$112 per month
\$1.00 per month for those earning from \$112.01 to \$160.00

Members earning more than \$160 per month, pay besides the regular \$1.00 dues, additional dues at the

rate of 50 cents for each additional \$10.00 or fraction thereof.

4. An International Solidarity Assessment, the equivalent of four weeks' dues every three months, was in effect in 1936, and no member could pay three months dues at one time without paying his International Solidarity Assessment at the same time. The forged receipt does not show any such payment.

MEANINGLESS MARKS

5. While the 1938 receipts were of the type of the photostat, the forged did not know what some of the blank spaces stand for. Any Communist Party Branch Secretary knows that the space following the words "Mos. No. . . ." is to indicate the number of the months for which dues are paid. For instance, if dues are paid for June and July, the figure shown on the blank space after "No." are "6-7." The forged inserted a fictitious No. 1437 which has no meaning at all.

6. There never was nor is there today any "N.M.U." section of the Communist Party. Our sections in 1936 ran by numbers from No. 1 to No. 31. Today our sections bear the Assembly District number where they are located.

7. Receipts in the Communist Party branches are not written in ink. They are all written in pencil as they are of a duplicate type with carbon in between. All receipts must be issued in pencil so that the record remains imprinted on the carbon copy.

8. The Communist Party never collected nor collects funds for any unions from among its members. No money could have been collected therefore for the "N.M.U. Fund," especially when we understand that the N.M.U. was not organized until 1937

Left Wing Elects Two Agents of ILGW No. 9

Victory Comes in Face of Red-Baiting Attacks of Leaders

The Left Wing of Cloakmakers, Local 9 of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union last night scored an important victory electing two business agents of four named at a special membership meeting in Webster Hall, 119 E. 11th St.

The four new business agents were named in accordance with an allotment of an extra number to the local by the joint board of the union.

President Krause of the local was supported by the Left Wing and the right wing administration forces and received the top vote of 741.

The two elected Left Wingers, Spanier and Nathan Kaplan, received 488 and 478 votes respectively. The fourth to be elected was Finkelstein who drew 448 and topped Ben Koenigsberg, of the Left Wing by only 10. Two administration supporters who lost received 429 and 381 votes.

The victory was all the more significant as it came in face of an effort by the majority of the executive board of the local to jam through its recommended slate of four.

Addressing herself to the membership, predominantly of middle-aged and elderly Jewish people with relatives in parts of Eastern Europe, Rose Kaplan, leader of the Left Wing pointed to the way the policy of the Soviet Union is saving masses of Jews from fascism and war. She recalled how until about a year ago, a united front in the local brought benefits to the membership, but the reactionaries, under cover of attacks against the Soviet Union broke the united front and caused the consequent harm to the workers in the shops.

Jehovah's Witnesses 'Neutral' on War

DETROIT, July 25 (UP).—Fred W. Franz, New York, Temporary Chairman of the Convention of Jehovah's Witnesses, said today that members of the religious sect would declare their neutrality if drafted for war.

"We are not pacifists and are neutral as against war," Franz said. "We believe in defending God's kingdom and represent God's theocratic organization, a heavenly government and not a part of the world. Consequently, we let the nations conduct their wars."

John Arnold to Speak At IWO Meeting on Christian Front

John Arnold, English columnist of the Morning Freiheit, will speak on "Anti-Semitism in America and the Christian Front" at a meeting tonight in Brownsville Community Center, 381 Rockaway Ave., Brooklyn, at 8:30 P.M.

Unionists Hail Call For Progressive Candidates

Leaders Here Pledge Full Support to Lewis' Demand for Congressional Nominees Who Will Support Labor's Gains

(Continued from Page 1)

"We are solidly behind CIO President John L. Lewis in his drive to make the protection of labor's gains an integral part of the nation's defense program."

"N.M.U. representatives and branches in various Atlantic and Gulf ports, Great Lakes and river ports are pledged to support progressive congressional candidates in districts where they may be running."

"Neither the Democratic or the Republican platforms, it appears to us, contain any of those guarantees which labor has come to associate with the New Deal."

MERVYN RATHBORNE, International President, American Communications Association, CIO:

"In times such as these when countless former 'friends of labor' in Congress have gone over to the side of anti-labor reaction, the working people must bend every effort to seek in Congress men who will give fearless expression to the desires of the American people for peace, preservation of civil liberties and a measure of economic security."

MICHAEL J. QUILL, International President, Transport Workers' Union, CIO:

"The Transport Workers will certainly do their part to see that progressive and pro-labor representatives are sent to Washington."

"The Union is already making plans to participate in the elections. Neither the Democratic nor the Republican platforms even approach the real needs of the workers of America. The workers comprise the overwhelming majority of those who will go to the polls and their voice must be felt."

"Those avowed foes of labor in the legislative halls in Washington, precisely those who have been attempting to strangle labor by their efforts to emasculate the Wagner Act, social security and other progressive legislation, must be defeated."

MARCEL SCHERER, National Organizational Director, Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians, CIO:

"The call of President Lewis to mobilize the hosts of labor in the 1940 elections to ensure the election of genuinely tested supporters of progressive legislation is both timely and heartening. It comes at a time when some labor leaders seem to have forgotten their obligations to their membership and are whooping it up on the bandwagon of war promoters and war-profiteers."

"We are confident that labor will respond to the call of Lewis and make the elections to Congress a major task and in that way will guarantee that the voice of labor will be heard in the halls of Congress."

"The general promises to labor in the platforms of the Republican

and Democratic parties will not ensure the great mass of progressive labor. Heeding Lewis' advice they will look for guarantees and demonstrations of performance in picking their candidates for Congress."

FRANK INGRAM, General Secretary, Workers' Alliance:

"Mr. Lewis' statement hits the nail right on the head. In this session of Congress we have seen too many so-called 'friends of labor' get on the Wall Street war-wagon and throw labor to the board."

"There is one thing they understand—there is up to all labor to unite in independent political action to defeat the reactionaries and elect progressives who will fight for the rights and needs of the workers and farmers."

"The Workers' Alliance will support the calling of Labor's Non-Partisan League for this great purpose."

JULIUS BRAPAK, General Secretary, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers' Union, CIO:

"We regard President Lewis' recommendation as entirely sound. In a legislative report made to and adopted by the general executive board of our union on March 10, 1940, we stated that, 'The uppermost problem for labor in the legislative field today is congressional districts.'"

"We pointed out that the Presidential question in the national election would be so spectacular that there was grave danger lest the congressional situation be under-emphasized."

"We set forth a two-point test by which any potential candidate might be judged: first, the candidate must pledge himself openly and without reservation to support labor's legislative program; second, the candidate's past record and personal reputation must be such as to make labor confident that the candidate will live up to his promises."

"Our executive board advised our locals to begin negotiation in various congressional districts to ascertain whether either Democratic or Republican parties would nominate for Congress a candidate meeting these requirements."

"If both Republicans and Democrats decline to support a satisfactory candidate" our March report advised, "then labor must either nominate its own Democratic or Republican candidate in the primaries of these respective parties or must put up labor's own candidates for election separately."

"We believe this statement on our part in March is wholly in line with President Lewis' recommendation of this week."

New York County Committee and Progressive Committee to Rebuild the American Labor Party:

"John L. Lewis' timely call for candidates to be placed in the field who can receive the support of Labor's Non-Partisan League should stimulate action by the trade unions and other progressive forces."

The New York County Committee of the A.L.P. as well as many other organizations throughout the state supporting the Progressive Committee to Rebuild the A.L.P. have long appreciated the tremendous value of Labor's Non-Partisan League's program. Equally appreciated has been the need of genuine labor representatives on the Labor Party ticket.

"For these reasons we are nominating for public office outstanding trade unionists whose sympathy for the League's program is well known. We welcome the support of all labor and progressive groups to rally behind the Progressive Committee in New York State."

"We can assure them that not only will they have a chance to support the League's program, but candidates who really are representative of labor."

"The Dubinsky-Hillman group in the A.L.P. have forfeited all right to speak for the party. Not only have their candidates past and present not been fully representative of the trade union movement, but their actions have consistently repudiated the League's position."

"Their recent employment of Eli Oliver as executive secretary of the A.L.P. after he was forced to quit from the national organization is but one manifestation of their lack of sympathy with the League's objectives. They have been and will continue to be merely a tail to the Democratic Party's kite."

A spokesman for the United Office and Professional Workers' Union, CIO, said that Lewis' statement and the issues contained in it would be one of the key points of the union's forthcoming convention in Chicago on Labor Day.

He said that there would undoubtedly be considerable discussion of the elections, the candidates and the platforms and that it was expected that complete endorsement of the Lewis position would be adopted by the delegates.

Signing of Espionage Act Blasted By Emspak

UERMW Leader Sees Intimidation in Bosses' Move

The General Secretary-Treasurer of the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, Julius Emspak, yesterday condemned the campaign, launched by employers in all parts of the country to compel employees to sign copies of the Espionage Act.

"Pure intimidation, without legal standing or any useful purpose," Emspak commented. "One point is that all laws of the United States, to the extent that they are constitutional, are binding upon everyone, whether the individual has signed or read a copy of the law or not."

"A second and still more important point," he continued, "is that—despite all efforts to stick the label of 'Fifth Column' on working men and women—everybody knows that the notorious Fifth Columns in every instance so far abroad were composed, not of union men and women, but of employers, generals, high officials and the like. The names of Quisling, Flandin, and Laval are not the names of union members."

"The defense program of our country is not in the slightest danger from unions. It is in jeopardy at all, it is by reason of managements that are secretly sympathetic to Nazism and by reason of corporations which mean to exact the last drop of profit from government orders before they will do their share."



OUR milk supply usually reaches its peak in the month of June when the cows are put out to pasture, where they can eat plenty of green grass. According to the U. S. Department of Agriculture, milk production this year is a little above any previous record. Of course the milk trusts have not reduced prices even though the supply has increased. Most of this extra milk will be made into cheese and butter which does not mean that the poor will have more cheese and butter, either. Some of it will be evaporated, condensed or dried, and by using it in these forms, it is possible to get the food value of milk in concentrated form.

Milk is classed as the "almost perfect food" because it is rich in many nutritional values. Its fat content can be observed when the cream rises to the top of the bottle of milk. You can also see the protein in the form of curd when the milk sours, and the slightly sweet taste is evidence of the sugar content.

Milk is essentially valuable for its calcium and phosphorus, so important for sound teeth and bones.

In addition, scientists tell us that milk is particularly rich in vitamins A and G, and that it also has some vitamin D, and a small amount of B1 and C.

So, it is easily understandable why the nutritionists recommend a quart of milk a day for growing children and a pint a day for adults. Some of this quota can be in the form of cheese or evaporated milk.

In fact, in five ounces of American cheese, there is the same amount of calcium, phosphorus and protein as you would obtain in a quart of milk. In manufacturing evaporated milk, about one-half the water is removed from fresh fluid milk. So, when you use the evaporated milk, you can mix it with

Michigan Labor Opposes Attack on Petition Signers

Press Leads Campaign to Intimidate Voters and Drive Party off the Ballot; Wide Opposition Forming to Moves

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, July 25.—Seeking to emulate Pennsylvania reactionaries by terrorizing the thousands of voters who signed the Communist Party petitions, reactionary forces in Michigan headed by the corrupt Vandenberg-McKey Republican machine through their chain of newspapers, are seeking to obtain mass firings and discrimination against the 10,500 signers of the Party petition.

In Muskegon, Grand Rapids, Lansing and Flint, Vandenberg's newspapers have published the names of the signers of the Party petitions. In Flint labor-hating admirer of Mussolini, Judge Gadola has gotten the okay from the state Republicans to initiate a Grand Jury investigation of petition signers.

THREATEN WPA WORKERS

Taking their cue from this intimidation campaign, state WPA authorities are with the aid of the FBI scanning the lists for WPA employees. The Vandenberg controlled reactionary press in editorials goes even further and appeals to all manufacturers to scan the list and "fire immediately" all signers.

Following almost to a T, the reactionary strategy pursued in Pennsylvania the Vandenberg gang in Michigan have set the stage in Flint, through subpoenaing, to further intimidate the thousands of

petition signers.

While denying to the press when he was accused by Elmer Johnson, State Secretary of the Communist Party, of breaking the law by publishing the names and stating that he would fire state employees who

signed Communist petitions, Harry F. Kelly secretary of state undoubtedly was the leadoff man in the well planned attack against 10,500 people who signed the Party petition in Michigan.

Just as in Pennsylvania, U. S. Attorney General Robert Jackson has failed to take any action to stop the gross trampling of Civil Rights of Michigan people. Communications to the Civil Liberties Department of the Department of Justice from Johnson remain unanswered.

CIO OPPOSES ACTION

The Flint CIO Industrial Union Council representing 30,000 organized workers recognizing the purpose of the publishing of the names have designated these attacks as a medium of harassing and crippling the Labor movement, building a company blacklist and grossly violating civil rights.

The Civil Rights Federation of Michigan, representing 325 organizations, and approximately 5,000,000 Michigan residents, organized in Labor, church, fraternal and civic groups have again and again vigorously protested to state and national authorities against the war-hysterical acts of the Republican administration, and other reactionary groups, all bent on destroying the constitutional rights of the people.

Receiving the brunt of the attack are the Negro people, of whom close to 5,000 signed the Party petitions. In Muskegon a Negro lackey of the Republican Party and well known local red-baiter, Reverend Jones is conducting a "crusade" to "save the Negro people."

Despite the fact that Jones and other Vandenberg stooges have been unable to get Negro workers to repudiate their signatures, Jones claims that in Muskegon Negroes

were "not at home when they signed" and that many of them "could not write."

Despite claims of signers "repudiating" their signatures, only a sparse half-dozen names have been published out of a total of many thousands.

In Muskegon, union militant Floyd Bates, president of the UAW-CIO local in Continental Motors refused to withdraw his name, said he knew what he was signing and stuck to his guns despite the howling of the reactionary press.

Champion of Civil Rights in Michigan for many years the Michigan Civil Rights Federation today, fully recognizing the warmongering blithering against Civil Liberties, announced that it will convene a state wide conference of all its organizations at the Finnish Camp near Walled Lake on August 24 and 25th.

The main points of discussions

will be on rights of minority parties, defense of WPA employees, anti-Allen legislation and other civil rights issues.

The Michigan Communist Party today issued a leaflet to all out-state cities entitled "Defend the Bill of Rights—Stop Warmongers' attack on People's Rights—Defend America by defending Civil Liberties and the Social and Economic Gains of the People."

This leaflet is being widely distributed in Flint, Muskegon, Lansing, Grand Rapids and other centers.

INDIA BUYS PACIFIC TIMBER

PORTLAND, Ore. (UP).—The demand in India for Douglas fir lumber from the rich lumber producing areas of the Pacific Northwest has been reported by exporters here.

Otis Hood to Broadcast on Draft Proposal

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, Mass., July 25.—Otis A. Hood, Communist candidate for Governor of Massachusetts will broadcast an important message on "Real National Defense" over Station WAAB, Thursday, Aug. 1, at 9:30 P. M.

The Young Communist League of Massachusetts has issued 15,000 circulars dealing with the draft plan and showing that this is part of program of Hitlerizing America. These leaflets were issued Tuesday and received an excellent response from youth and adults alike.

PRIZES for FUND RAISERS

MARXIST CLASSICS TO BE GIVEN AWAY ALL PARTY MEMBERS ELIGIBLE

"Desiring to give recognition to members of the Communist Party who have fully understood and carried out the important political lesson of carrying our campaigns to the people. . . .

"And in order to equip them with the finest Marxist writings as the basis for further improving their work among the people. . . .

"We are offering literature prizes to Party members who sell one or more complete fund drive booklets in the various state committees. . . .

"ANYONE WHO HAS ALREADY MET THIS QUALIFICATION IS AUTOMATICALLY ENTITLED TO A PRIZE."

National Election Campaign Committee

Only One Rule . . .

Sell a complete fund drive booklet (\$25). Then choose \$2.50 worth of literature from the list shown below. TWO FULLY completed booklets entitle you to \$5 worth of books, etc. PARTIALLY SOLD BOOKLETS DO NOT COUNT.

If you do not have one of the green or tan booklets, ask your branch finance secretary for one.

No Red Tape or Delay . . .

All you have to do when you have sold \$25 worth of coupons is to ask your branch finance secretary to enter that fact upon a slip provided in all booklets for that purpose and write down the names of the books you want. You will receive your prize at your very next branch meeting.

NOW DIG IN

Visit your friends, your neighbors, your shop mates, the fellow or girl you "used to know" and ask them for a contribution to the only ANTI-WAR FUND in the country. If you can't see any of them, write THEM. And here's another bit of advice: sell coupons as tickets of admission to fund drive parties or discussion evenings. The main thing is to get out among the people, discuss our program with them, tell them about our candidates. The sale of the coupons will naturally follow.

THESE ARE THE PRIZES

(Save this list for reference)

THE SECOND IMPERIALIST WAR, by Earl Browder. The General Secretary of the Communist Party summarizes the lessons of the war and illumines the road to peace. \$2.00.

FAT YEARS AND THE LEAN, by Minton and Stuart. Is the only comprehensive Marxist history of the last twenty years of American imperialist politics. \$2.50.

WHY FARMERS ARE POOR, by Anna Rochester. Critically analyzes the economics behind the Joads and brilliantly states the farmer's case for socialism. \$2.50.

DIALECTICS OF NATURE, by Frederick Engels. Translated into English for the first time, this invaluable work on dialectical materialism and the natural sciences has been eagerly awaited by American readers. \$2.50.

NEW DATA ON LENIN'S IMPERIALISM, by E. Varga. Famous Soviet economist, presents a wealth of up-to-date material as concrete illustrations to the main points of the socialist classic. \$1.50.

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PEOPLE'S FRONT, by Earl Browder, and the

NEGRO AND THE DEMOCRATIC FRONT, by the Communist Party's Vice-Presidential candidate, James W. Ford, are offered as a single prize. These writings contain Browder's magnificent restorations of the revolutionary background of America and Ford's penetrating discussion of fundamental Negro problems. \$2.50 both volumes.

SALUTE TO SPRING, by Meridel Le Sueur and THE WAY THINGS ARE, by ALBERT MALTUS bring together as a single prize a collection of short stories that bite deeper and thrust harder at the social conscience than any being written in America today. \$2.50 both volumes.

LITTLE LENIN LIBRARY. These 23 volumes contain Lenin's shorter writings as well as writings and speeches of Joseph Stalin on foundation and problems of Leninism. Prices of the individual volumes range from 10 cents to 40 cents and are intended to supplement any of the above volumes which are less than \$2.50. Get a list of the titles from your branch finance secretary.



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The People Can Smash This Fascist Proposal

• Senator Norris gave voice to the democratic interests of the American people yesterday when he branded the proposed conscription bill as a leaf from the book of Hitlerism.

According to the Associated Press, he pointed to the "Third Reich of Adolf Hitler as an object lesson in what . . . would happen to American ideals under peacetime conscription." Declaring that compulsory military training would transform this country into an "international bully" Sen. Norris said:

"If such a program were carried on for 50 years, the rising generation would know no other ideal except that of military force."

These words, coming from Sen. Norris, are all the more significant because he has been a supporter of Administration measures.

As opposition among the trade unions and progressives grows to this wholesale plan of militarization, it should be noted that the Administration and the war-mongering newspapers are trying to create the impression that the draft is already law.

Army heads, encouraged by the Roosevelt Administration, have sent out arrogant statements to the effect that they are ready to begin herding in the youth on Sept. 1. Newspaper headlines—particularly those of the war-mongering New York Post—speak of the "draft" as if it were already an accomplished fact. This only shows that Wall Street, through both major parties and its kept press, is attempting to put over upon the American people the biggest blitzkrieg in our history.

Even during the last World War, there was opposition to the draft. Now it's peacetime; and this country is not at war. But the monopolists are trying to create such an atmosphere of terrorism, as to browbeat the people from expressing themselves.

If the people voice opposition to this measure of fascist regimentation, the war profiteers are prepared to call them "unpatriotic"—when, in fact, it's the monopolists themselves who take all prizes in unpatriotism. For they are interested only in gold, in greed, in imperialist aggression, which will rob the people of all their cherished liberties.

Sen. Norris' expression, along with a growing number of trade unions, is one more proof that this Burke-Wadsworth bill is not for national security nor is it to defend this country from invasion. It is a measure for attacking the living standards and liberties of all the people, while specifically aiming at enslaving the male population. Having gotten away with clamping an illegal registration requirement upon the foreign-born, the war-mongers have now set out to make the whole native-born population register.

Even the New York Mirror must admit that there's no heart among the people for this proposal. It insults the working population of the country as becoming too "soft" and too accustomed to "luxuries." This, too, in the face of the widespread unemployment and poverty of American families. But the Mirror in yesterday's editorial, unwittingly reveals what the sponsors of the measure dare not say:

"Conscription is not coming too soon. The American people must SHRINK THEIR WAIST-LINES AND HARDEN THEIR PALMS. . . ." (Our emphasis.)

From Hearst, who has always been a mouthpiece of Hitlerism, this leaves no doubt what this bill is expected to do.

Labor and the American people should speak out against this measure. Patriotism is not only defense of our country from without but safeguarding liberties and living standards against those within who would destroy them in the name of "defense."

The bill is yet to be passed by the House and the Senate. The people can defeat it. Wire or write your Congressman and Senator today, that this fascist regimentation of the American people shall not pass.

Responding to The Lewis Plea

• Two CIO affiliates have responded promptly to the appeal of President John L. Lewis for support in winning enforcement of the National Labor Relations Act on government "defense" contracts.

On Monday the letter of Lewis to CIO organizations was made public. Within 24 hours the National Maritime Union and the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union had placed themselves squarely behind the CIO leader in his stand.

Before the week is over, we anticipate that many other unions of the Congress of Industrial Organizations will express themselves in like fashion. The matter raised by Lewis goes to the heart of present-day labor organization both A.F. and CIO. More than that, it affects the welfare of the masses of today's America.

The big monopolies are mounting up profits out of "defense," mountain-high. They have refused to accept any limitation on their profits, and President Roosevelt has meekly bowed to their threat of sabotage. The sky has been declared the limit for these war profits.

And yet, the same President refuses to issue an executive order—as he easily could—making it mandatory that all bidders for governmental "defense" work observe the National Labor Relations Act. As it is, Bethlehem and Republic Steel, Electric Boat and Douglass Aircraft openly violate this law of the land and receive a premium on their lawbreaking. They are allowed freely to make their bids, even though they violate the law and force lower wages and worsened conditions upon their workers.

Lewis requests the CIO affiliates to insist that the executive order be issued by the President.

The CIO president has also asked Labor Defense Commissioner Sidney Hillman to interest himself in seeing that such an executive order is issued. Hillman was ostensibly appointed to safeguard the interests of labor in the defense set-up. There is little evidence that he has been so far busy about anything save preventing labor from getting adequate wages and conditions, while he confers with Owen D. Young and other high-profit swag artists.

Rush Your Telegram To Mr. Deutch

• What becomes of the simplest democratic liberties when four persons are seized and arrested in Lewiston, Illinois, because they were obeying the State election law?

Four persons were collecting signatures on a petition to put the Communist Party on the state ballots. This is what the law provides they shall do.

For this they have been arrested and placed under the exorbitant bail of \$20,000 EACH! They have been charged with violation of the Sedition Act! This is a particularly flagrant example of the widespread persecution of such canvassers.

This is nothing but a conspiracy to rob a minority group, the Communist Party, of its political rights. Protests have been rushed to Mr. Sherman Deutch of Lewiston, Illinois, demanding their release and reduction in bail. Every person here who cherishes our civil liberties and who wishes to help in stopping this outrageous action should rush a telegram of protest to Mr. Deutch, the local official in charge.

Sit down and do it now.

Who Cries Out Against This Murder?

• Japanese bombs—mostly labeled "Made in America"—mangled the bodies of more than 1,000 Chinese men, women and children yesterday.

This is a cold-blooded massacre which is worse than anything now going on in Europe.

But the pulse of the American press beats calmly. The be-diamonded fanatics of the Hoover Finnish Relief committees are busily sipping drinks at their Summer estates. No one is interested except perhaps the munitions and scrap iron capitalists who rejoice at their good business.

This is a crime which cries out to the conscience of America. It turns the sugary phrases of the Roosevelt Government, which is a partner in these murders, into ghastly hypocrisy.

For those in Washington who are responsible, there must be no escape from the cry of America—stop this slaughter of Chinese civilians by stopping all shipments to the Japanese war machine! Let the White House hear this cry of all decent America!



HONGKONG REFUGEES: British women and children are shown here being evacuated from the Crown Colony of Hong Kong in the face of Japanese advances near the city. Name of the British ship, strangely, is "the Empress of Japan."



WHAT'S WHAT ABOUT THE WAR Questions and Answers

by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

Question — What about the national unity proposed by President Roosevelt several months ago?

Answer — As the Communist Party has continually pointed out, Roosevelt's so-called national unity is based upon the solidarity of the capitalists among themselves for their major war objectives, with the interests of the workers and other toilers subordinated to these imperialist ends. The Roosevelt Government and the great financial interests of the country are busily working to create a "national unity" of this reactionary type. And they have had more success than readily meets the eye.

There are, of course, a host of questions upon which the capitalists are divided among themselves, or express varying shades of policy. Many imperialist figures, such as Ford, Lindbergh and Hearst, for example, oppose Roosevelt's pro-British line. Others condemn Cordell Hull's reciprocal trade treaties. Still others oppose a third term for Roosevelt. And the two capitalist parties are busily shooting into each other in their respective efforts to get hold of the government.

Despite all these quarrels and divisions, however, in capitalist circles there is a large degree of unity among them upon major questions of imperialist policy. This is evidenced, among other examples, by the unification of the major policies of the two capitalist parties on the

most basic foreign and domestic issues. The platforms adopted by them at their recent conventions are politically almost identical. Both parties are for an aggressive policy in foreign affairs; both support Roosevelt's gigantic so-called defense program; both are for the practical domination of Latin America, economically, politically and militarily; and both are for making the working class and farmers pay the bill for their imperialist adventures in reduced living standards and curtailed civil liberties. The present Congress, animated by this reactionary spirit of imperialist unity, is to be noted for a lack of struggle between Democrats and Republicans, despite the fact that this is an election year. The Administration's (and the opposition's) war program is slipping through Congress easily and smoothly, without friction. National unity, capitalist version, is a going concern. Roosevelt's introduction of Stimson and Knox into his Cabinet illustrates the trend in capitalist circles.

An especially dangerous feature of the so-called national unity is the way it has served to pull the trade union leaders into the capitalist war camp. The A. F. of L. leadership is supporting the bosses' war policies 100 per cent; so are the powerful Hillman wing of the CIO and also the top officialdom of the Railroad Brotherhoods. The theory (straight from Wall Street) that

such misleaders of labor are working upon is that nowadays, in the name of national defense, labor must be prepared to accept worsened conditions. The practical result of this is to cripple trade union activities on all fronts. The New York Times of July 20 reported that the profits of 100 leading industrial concerns are up 60 per cent over the same period of last year, but the labor unions, save for a few of the more progressive unions of the CIO, and especially John L. Lewis, are not yet taking active steps to defend themselves from such raw profiteering.

Although the employers, the politicians, and capitalist-minded labor leaders are taking their places in the growing "national unity" in support of the war aims of American imperialism, the great toiling masses are of quite another mind. The workers, farmers and professionals want nothing of the war perspective upon which Roosevelt's reactionary "national unity" is based. They want peace and improved conditions of life. The great task is to give them active leadership for the accomplishment of these ends, in view of the fact that for the most part their official leaders are betraying them. The basic need of the United States now is to develop an active defense of the interests of the toiling masses, who constitute the vast bulk of the American people—for jobs, security, civil liberties and peace.

Batista Asks Independence for Colonies of Invaded Powers

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own national autonomous government should be placed under a collective mandate. This collective mandate however, boils down in reality to American imperialist domination.

The proposals introduced by the United States delegation do not even consider the recognition of the rights of these former colonial territories to express their own desires and decide their own fate.

It is openly admitted here that the various delegations will oppose the American proposals, including the one calling for the creation of a "trusteeship" committee, composed of five American countries acting in the name of the Continent, on many grounds. It is understood that Argentina is opposed to the American mandate proposals and leans toward the maintenance of the status quo.

MEXICO DOESN'T AGREE

The chairman of the Mexican delegation, a few hours after the meeting of the economic committee, declared that he did not believe the conference would achieve any concrete resolutions of an economic character. And today Mexico is introducing some proposals which disagree with sections of the American proposals.

The proposals advanced by Chile, although their details are still unknown, refer in part, it is reported, to the creation of a Latin American merchant marine. The various delegations are carefully studying this.

Last night the Chilean and Brazilian delegates held a meeting. It is being rumored here that Chile is considering the possibility of presenting the problem of diplomatic aggression against her by Spain to the conference. Some observers believe that the time is favorable for such action and that it will be possible to take advantage of certain contradictions in the conference to obtain a unanimous vote condemning Spain's provocation against

Chile. Brazil, however, is presenting marked opposition to discussing in the conference questions that are not on the order of business. It is believed that the Chilean delegate Oscar Schnake discussed this question with the Brazilian delegate Mr. Nabuco.

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

HAVANA, July 25.—The behind-the-scenes deal between the United States and Argentina today occupied much of the attention of the other ministers of the 21 American republics gathered here.

It was generally understood here that the undercurrent conflict actually represented the clash of American and British interests. Thus far, Dr. Leopoldo Melo, the Argentine delegate, has in a very guarded manner voiced his opposition to the program presented by Secretary of State Cordell Hull.

Dr. Melo said that of course the Argentine wished to cooperate but—"We are against hasty improvisations and against untried formulas." "We want jealously to preserve the sovereign rights of every nation," Dr. Melo added. This was generally interpreted as an indirect slap at Mr. Hull, and covert opposition to his program—particularly the economic cartel and the "collective trusteeship" of European colonies, either of which could be termed a "hasty improvisation" or untried formulas.

Delegates here recalled that in 1928, at a Pan American conference in this very building, Argentina also led the opposition to the then U. S. Secretary of State Charles Evans Hughes.

BRITISH INVESTMENTS

An understanding of Argentina's role is provided by the fact that more than one-third of Britain's total investments in all of Latin American countries is centered in the Argentine. While the total is estimated in the neighborhood of six billion dollars, more than two billion is invested in Argentina.

This investment is about ten times as great as the average Argentine national budget for one fiscal year.

As a result of this great financial stake of Britain, Argentina has been a virtual economic vassal of the British Empire. A further reason for friction with the United States is that of all Latin American countries, the chief export products of Argentina most closely approximate the exports of the United States. Grain, cattle, meat and other livestock products—these are the chief exports, and as a result there is bitter competition with the United States which also abounds in these products.

This has given Great Britain a trade advantage over the United States. In 1938, for example, 31.8 per cent of Argentine exports went to the United Kingdom whereas the United States absorbed only 8.1 per cent of Argentina's total exports.

FEAR U. S. DOMINATION

Argentine fear that under the economic cartel plan proposed by Washington, their surplus products will be subordinated to those of the United States in any general export scheme for both American continents.

They know that the United States has the same surpluses as they have and thus will not absorb their produce, but will act as the marketing agency for shipping their produce abroad. They also believe under such an arrangement, United States products will be given preference.

To bolster these convictions, they refer to the World War I experience of Cuba when Cuban sugar was taken under Washington's control, and while Wall Street made huge profits out of sugar through its monopolist grip, Cuba's people received very small returns.

Argentine also has the comparatively recent bitter experience of the howl that went up in the United States Senate when the Administration bought some Argentine beef for the U. S. Navy.

Letters From Our Readers

Inspiring to Get Truth Amid Distortion of Facts

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

It is certainly inspiring to have our paper speak the truth these dark and stormy days when there is so much distortion of the facts in the press, radio, etc.

H. S.

Lady Astor Reveals Her 'Concern' For British Workers' Children

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I have read the article entitled "British 'Aroused At Class Bias in Child Evacuation,'" in the Daily Worker of July 20; and I would like to add to the story.

It seems that Lady Astor is very much worried about the children of Britain's working class. In fact, she is so concerned about the welfare of these children, that she shipped a dozen of her prize horses to America at a cost of \$400 per horse at a time when there was no transportation available for the children. The payoff is that the British Government knew all about it; but it was kept a secret.

H. Z.

Administration Turns Deaf Ear To Plea for True Anti-Fascists

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The government of these United States has ignored the urgent pleas for help to the anti-fascist fighters and refugees, stranded in France. So it is doubly revolting to see with what haste Washington dispatched the cruiser Trenton to bring over the so-called "reigning family of Luxemburg." A swarm of princes, princesses, dukes and their many flunkies and retainers. These useless persons are in no danger.

They never lifted a finger against fascism. They always sympathized with it. I wonder if these aliens will be fingerprinted and investigated for they are indeed alien to America in many ways.

B. D.

Exhibitions of Intellectual, Political Degeneracy

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

In Europe the capitalists of many countries who long before the outbreak of the present war had placed great hopes for managing German Nazism and Italian fascism the way they figured could best safeguard their plutocratic and imperialistic interest have been failing to achieve that end and today one section after another of that class "gives up" the armed struggle against their imperialist but not politically ideological rivals.

Here in the United States the two recent held conventions of the official parties of the capitalists made a shocking exhibition of demagoguery and degeneracy of intellectual and political integrity. The scenes they staged at Philadelphia and Chicago will go down in the annals of the political history of this country as a most shameful outrage against the American people.

A. G. D.

Commends 'Daily' for Guidance

Fargo, N. D.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I wish to commend the Daily Worker on the excellent work it is doing and the help that it gives to those of us who are working in the fields, etc. With the help of the splendid articles and editorials and news stories, we are able to express ourselves correctly.

The response we get when speaking and explaining to the confused workers how he can realize his desires by rallying to and working with the Communist Party is becoming ever more apparent. The people are drawing closer to the Party. In my house to house work, I'm more and more being invited in, asked hundreds of questions. The most frequent and persistent is how can we best work to obtain Socialism.

W. K.

A Tribute to Sam Wiseman

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Two hundred people turned out in the hottest night of the year to pay tribute to Sam Wiseman for the twenty years of service he has given to the labor and progressive movement.

Comrade Amter, in paying tribute to Wiseman, said: "Communists are not only those who are able to analyze events at a given time, but are also those who give leadership to the masses around the specific issues that affect them."

"In speaking of unemployment, the worst form of capitalist exploitation," Wiseman cited the Nestlé case as an example of the misery that prevails in our country.

S. K.

Wants More Information on Bills Jeopardizing Our Civil Liberties

Chicago, Ill.

Editor, Daily Worker:

While reading Adam Lapin's fine piece of work on Browder's testimony before the Senate sub-committee on the vicious Voorhis Bill, the idea came to me that the Daily Worker ought to have a regular column or feature called, "Under the Dome," or "This Is What Is Happening," or something of a similar nature. The idea would be to show the steps the administration is taking toward war and fascism—in legal language as the bills are written and what they really mean to us.

I would also like to see in the Sunday edition, a full, complete, comprehensive article on the direct actions (since this second imperialist war has started) to curtail, endanger and drive toward war for the American people. Louis Budenz wrote a piece on this some time ago, but it is worth repeating, again and again.

R. O.

No Lack of Ships to Carry Murder Cargoes

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

We seem unable to find ships to send to Britain to save countless children from being murdered. But we seem to have no difficulty in finding ships to send to Japan loaded with bomb-material to murder helpless Chinese children.

Would it be too impertinent to ask the government to solve the problem by dumping out the evil cargo-to be sent to Japan and using the ships to save the lives of British children?

M. M.

3 R's

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The education of the people demands the application of our own 3 R's, namely:

Read Party literature.
Raise money for the Drive.
Recruit into the Party.

M. B.

CHANGE THE WORLD

Wall Street
Prepares for
A 'Super-Munich'

By MIKE GOLD

ONE of those confidential services put out for business executives at a fat price meant to keep it out of the hands of the dangerous hoi-polloi, released the following whisper in one of its recent bulletins:

"Basic issue confronting the U. S.—to appease or not to appease a victorious Hitler."

There is a popular commercial newspaper that has furnished its readers with this super-important news yet appeasement is the most discussed topic now engaging our rulers in Washington and Wall Street.

They figure in the customary business terms, and their bookkeeping works out to an inevitable conclusion, viz:

Hitler has conquered Europe. This means that he controls an enormous market for buying and selling. If American business comes to terms with Hitler, it can have access to this market, but, if it continues to antagonize him, it will be shut out of this market. In one case, there is lots of money to be made. In the other, there is no money to be made, only a principle to be honored faithfully.

That this principle happens to be democracy doesn't stir a solitary hair on the bald head of the oldest or youngest profit-snatchers.

As one of them said frankly the other week, "America was not founded as a democracy, but as a republic." He meant that he was a follower of Alexander Hamilton, of course, and not of Thomas Jefferson.

And so these Hamiltonians are wondering if the time isn't ripe to come to some terms with Hitler, and to hell with Jefferson.

The confidential service quoted above concludes its hot tip by saying that we must "expect a super-Munich for this country to come later."

This means that the moment is still unripe, I presume. The status of England is still unsettled. As I write this column, the newspapers resound with rumors and threats that Hitler will release his Blitzkrieg against England by "Friday night."

It is possible that the Butcher of Berlin may actually plunge ahead and knock off a few more hundred thousand babies in another fascist triumph.

But it is just as possible that before this happens the British ruling class will have arranged their own "super-Munich" and accepted Hitler's peace terms.

These follow the program laid down years before in Hitler's "Mein Kampf."

What Hitler wants is a partnership with Britain. Europe, especially a war-torn, famine-threatened Europe, is going to be a difficult economic ruin to piece together, even by the most ruthless of conquerors. Hitler will need cash. He will need an intermediary to serve as his contact with the world that is hostile to him. He has a great deal to digest. England is the ideal broker to help him stabilize the empire he has achieved over the shattered bodies of the babies in Spain, Belgium, France, Holland and Norway.

In return, the British Empire will be left practically intact. Furthermore, in such a partnership, England will be allowed to safeguard its life-line of empire in the Mediterranean. This means Hitler will remain neutral while England proceeds to smash Mussolini, a pleasant and easy chore that even a Chamberlain could do.

It is an attractive picture to any British capitalist. That democracy, not only in Europe, but in England, must be strangled before such a partnership can operate, disturbs them no more than it does our own Herbert Hoovers.

So what may be stirring behind the curtains at the moment is a race between the British and American appeasers, to see who can first make a deal with Hitler.

Anyway, there is something of the set-up, as of this hot afternoon in late July. If I have placed it together correctly, then in many influential quarters of America today there must be moneyed scoundrels praying that the scoundrel Hitler will now unleash his blitzkrieg against England. This would mean that the British appeasers had lost out, and that now the American appeasers could step up to the pie-counter and eat their fill of the Hitler devil-dung!

Ah, but I hear someone say, appeasement has never worked. Of course, it hasn't worked, and never will, wise guy! But the big capitalists, who are as organically fascist as a tadpole is inevitably a frog, always go on hoping that it will work. Don't they still hope that capitalism can be made to work? Incapable of learning from history, their vision never goes beyond the next fiscal year. And they hope Hitler can help them over that next bad year—that's all appeasement means to them.

Furthermore, what is the alternative to selling out one's country and one's native democracy to a Hitler? At the moment, it means accepting the Soviet Union as an equal and even an ally. They all crack up at this hurdle—Buck and his gang did in Poland, Chamberlain and his Cliveden set in England, the government traitors in France, etc., etc. How does Churchill stand on this issue? It is very dubious. How does Roosevelt stand? It is just as dubious.

An alliance with Hitler means a slave world. But it also might mean the continuance of the profit world. An alliance with the Soviet Union means a free and democratic world. But it might also bring on a socialist world—and that's the great rub for a capitalist.

China Pavilion Program Over WMCA at Noon

Program of Chinese songs from the Chinese Pavilion at the World's Fair aired by WMCA at noon today.
Chicago Symphony Orchestra in Concert from Grant Park over WOR and WJZ at 10:30 tonight.

SHORTWAVE BAND

Radio Center, Moscow, 6:00 PM. Italian.
7:34 Mc. 7:00 PM. Spanish, 7:34, 13.04
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13.04 Mc.

BROADCAST BAND DAILY PROGRAMS

MORNING

8:45-WNYC-News
WABC-Woman's Page of the Air

8:55-WNYC-Around New York with Hal Halpern

WJZ-AP News

9:00-WNYC-Market Week Hour

WJZ-Condensed News

WJZ-Woman of Tomorrow

WQXR-Composers' Hour

9:05-WJZ-News About Women

9:15-WABC-News

WJZ-Polly the Shopper

9:30-WJZ-Breakfast Club

9:45-WJZ-UP News

10:00-WNYC-Artist Recital WMCA-News

10:15-WNYC-Chamber Music Trio

10:30-WNYC-Dance Music

WQXR-Health Forum

10:45-WNYC-Safety Songs

11:00-WNYC-News

WABC-Short Story Series

WQXR-Hour of Request Music

WNYC-Trans-Radio News

11:15-WNYC-Fr. Knickerbocker Suggests

11:30-WNYC-Musical Comedy Memories

11:45-WNYC-"You and Your Health"

AFTERNOON

12:00-WNYC-Midday Symphony

WJZ-UP News

12:25-WJZ-UP News

12:30-WOR-Trans-Radio News

WJZ-Farm and Home Hour

WNYC-David Love, News of Stage and Screen

12:45-WJZ-Condensed News

WMCA-Good Living Program

1:00-WNYC-Missing Persons Alarms

1:05-WNYC-Organ Recital from Temple of Religion at the Fair

1:15-WMCA-Easy Aces

1:30-WNYC-United Parent Teachers Association Program

WMCA-Dance Music

1:45-WJZ-Metropolitan Review with Ralph Barton

2:00-WJZ-"You and Your Voice"

WNYC-News

2:05-WNYC-Opera Hour

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